

2009 Scholarship Recipients



A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship - An anonymous donor established this scholarship of \$250 in 1997. This year's recipient is Troy Hunter of Glasgow, MT, in addition to this scholarship Troy was also selected for the **Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship**, MAAA offers this \$500 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction. Troy took his first flying lesson on March 10, 2007. Shortly after this he soloed on April 24, 2007 his 16th birthday and was able to obtain his private pilots license a week after his 17th birthday. He is currently working on his instrument rating. Troy works at Prairie Aviation in Glasgow as a line service specialist, where he has worked for the past 2 years. These scholarships will help him achieve his dream in the field of aviation.



AOM Flight Training Scholarship – AOM has established this \$500 scholarship to financially assist a student pilot in obtaining their private pilot certificate. This year's recipient is Jack Ballantyne of Montana City, MT. Jack attends Helena High School he became interested in aviation after a project at school he did on Jimmy Buffet's "*Where is Joe Merchant?*" Buffets writing inspired him to want to fly. After Jack graduates he plans to attend Spokane Falls Community College and take aviation courses and then transfer to the University of North Dakota and get a major in aerospace science. This scholarship is going to help Jack's dream become a reality.



Blue Goose First Generation Flight Scholarship – This \$250 scholarship administered by Joe and Kathy Kurberka is awarded to a first generation pilot to assist with flight training. This scholarship is designed to assist a person who has a love of aviation, yet had limited exposure to aviation, someone from a non-aviation background/family. This year's recipient is Katie George of Bridger, MT. In addition to this scholarship Katie was also selected to receive the **Montana Pilots Association Junior Pilot Award**, this recipient is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship within their community and demonstrated academic achievement. The recipient must have soloed and be actively involved in flight training. This is a \$750 scholarship. Katie began taking flying lessons the summer before her senior year, she currently has 36 hours in a Cessna 150 and on New Years Day she made her first solo flight. She hopes to acquire her pilot's license before she goes to college. Katie has a cumulative GPA of 4.0 and attends Bridger High School.



Harold Hamm Scholarship – Harold and Zola Hamm were the anonymous donors that established the first \$250 A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship in 1993. With the passing of Harold on September 1, 2006, Zola decided to rename the scholarship the "Harold Hamm Scholarship" in honor of her husband of 19 years. Harold had an extremely strong passion for aviation. Together he and Zola completed two airplane projects: the restoration of a J-3 Piper Cub, and an experimental RV-6 aircraft. Zola has graciously increased the amount of the Harold Hamm Scholarship to \$500. This year's recipient is Kelli Dale French of Malta, MT. Kelli is currently a freshman at Rocky Mountain College enrolled in the aviation program. Her future plans are to finish her aviation training at Rocky and then go to Australia to become a fire fighter pilot or to Alaska to become a bush pilot. Her final goal is to become a Missionary Pilot, but with all the requirements to be qualified, she needs to pay off her debts and have more hours. Kelly has earned a GPA of 3.5625 in addition to being involved in many different activities.



Montana Pilots Association Flight Training Award - This scholarship is open to a person who has a considerable interest in aviation. The \$750 scholarship is to be used for flight training. This year's recipient is Lacey Eklund of Billings, MT. Lacey is currently enrolled in the aviation program at Rocky Mountain College. He has successfully completed her first semester with a 4.0 GPA. Her love of aviation started with a Christmas gift of a flight lesson that changed her entire life. Her dream is to someday fly cargo for UPS/FedEx or possibly do something along the

line of a corporate pilot. Lacey lives by Richard Bach's quote which states: "Never stop being a kid. Never stop feeling and seeing and being excited with great things like air and engines and sounds of sunlight within you. Wear your little mask if you must to protect yourself from the world but if you let the kid disappear you are grown up and you are dead."



Morrison Aviation Appreciation Scholarship – Jeff Morrison, retired former owner of Morrison Flying Service in Helena has established the \$500 scholarship as a token of appreciation to the aviation community. This year's recipient is Ethan Harvey a senior at Plains High School in Plains, MT he is looking forward to graduation to pursue his dream in the field of aviation. He has been working towards his private pilot's license for flying helicopters at Red Eagle Aviation in Kalispell. He currently holds 23.7 hours of flight time. His future plans include obtaining his private pilots license, commercial pilots license and certified flight instructor's license. He then plans to use his knowledge and experience and work as a flight instructor hopefully

with Red Eagle Aviation. He then hopes to become a professional helicopter pilot and fly for a larger company.



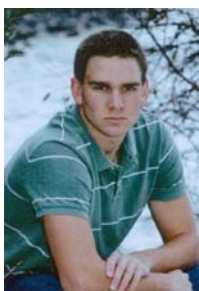
Mountain Air Dance Flight Scholarship One – Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea offer this \$750 scholarship to a person with a huge interest in aviation; this scholarship can be used for flight training of any type. This year's recipient is Sam Thompson of Helena, MT. Sam loves to fly and wants to obtain his private pilot's license so that he can continue with advanced training. By the age of 15 he had finished his private pilot course book and took and passed the private pilot knowledge test with a score of 100%. He is currently taking flight instruction and

has logged 65 hours of dual instruction and 45 hours of solo flying. He soloed on his 16th birthday and plans to get his pilot's license at the end of this school year on his 17th birthday. Before college he plans to get his commercial certificate. At some point in his career he would like to work for a flying service in Alaska as well or pursue more advanced certificates and ratings. Throughout elementary and middle school Sam has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. He is currently a junior at Helena High School.



Mountain Air Dance Flight Training Scholarship Two – Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea offer this \$750 scholarship to an active pilot who desires to pursue advanced training, such as tailwheel endorsement, mountain flying, aerobatics, or a higher rating. This year's recipient is Perry Brown of Columbia Falls, MT. Perry was hired by the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks as a State Game Warden in 1987. Since obtaining his private pilots license Perry has been able to do his job in a more efficient manner. He has also been able to help with many

search and rescues and get more involved with teaching survival techniques for employees. Perry's goal is to work towards a career advancement to be a pilot for the aviation division of FWP. Perry's advancements he has obtained are private pilot license; aircraft over 200 hp & constant speed prop; airplane tailwheel rating; single engine sea rating; airplane commercial rating; airplane instrument rating; multi-engine airplane commercial and instrument ratings; private helicopter rating; helicopter instrument rating and most recently his helicopter commercial rating.



Parrott Family Scholarship – The Parrott Family offers this \$1,000 scholarship to be used over a one-year period for pilot training programs for students enrolled in the Rocky Mountain College (RMC) aviation program. The funds may be used for tuition in the RMC aviation program, and/or flight training expenses leading to a Private, Commercial, or Flight Instructor Certificate, and may include Instrument and Multiengine simulator training, and the purchase of aviation related materials and related supplies. This year's recipient is Cole Broadus of Big Timber, MT. Cole is a senior at Sweet Grass County High School. Cole has always wanted to fly planes.

His dream was realized when he was accepted to Rocky Mountain College. He has hopes of flying the F-22 Raptor for the United States Air Force and then to retire somewhere in Alaska and fly as bush pilot for his own business. Cole has been on the honor roll all four years of high school, student council junior and senior years, varsity basketball junior and senior years, varsity football his senior year, and achieving academic all-state and most improved player for basketball his junior year.